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Money spent on the Labour Department and for the amelioration of depressed classes.

*119 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the actual amount of money spent during the past three years for maintaining the establishment alone of the Labour Department in the city as well as in other districts together with the amount set apart for same for the year 1925–26; and

(b) the amount of money actually spent during the past three years for the amelioration alone of the depressed classes in the city as well as in other districts together with the amount set apart for same for the year 1925–26?

A.—(a) & (b) Two statements furnishing the information required are laid on the table of the House.[a]

Emigration.

Inspection of places of accommodation of coolies in Bellary and Anantapur.

*120 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed any non-official visitors and, if so, whom, to inspect the places of accommodation in Bellary and Anantapur districts where the coolies are kept prior to their despatch to Assam?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" In view of the fact that a large volume of opinion has been growing up against this recruitment of coolies, will the Government be pleased to appoint some non-official visitor to each of the districts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—" I will consider it."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Will he also consider the suitability of authorizing the members of this House for such purposes by virtue of their office?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " Certainly I will consider it."

Emigrant ships from Madras.

*121 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to refer to his answer to question No. 520 given on 19th March 1925 (XXIII-277) as to the information required in connexion with emigrant ships and state—

(a) how many ships sailed from Madras and other ports in this Presidency conveying emigrants since January 1925;

(b) how many passengers did each ship convey; and

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